

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
December 31, 2002

**Great Plains Natural Gas Co.
December 2002
Purchased Gas Adjustment**

**PU-402-02-648
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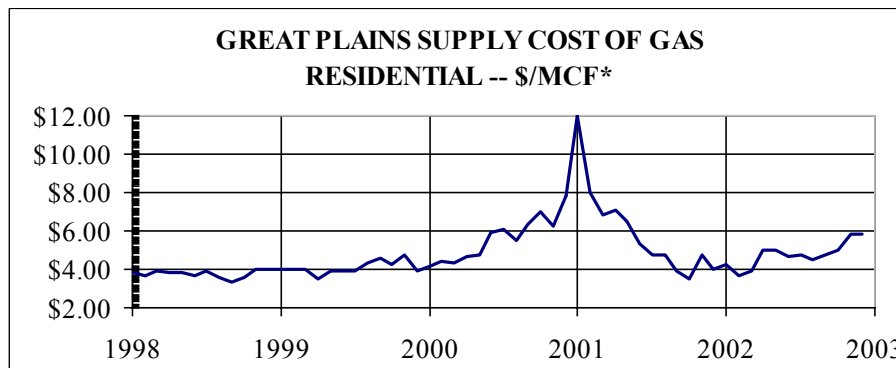
For gas usage on or after December 1, 2002, Great Plains is decreasing its purchased gas adjustment by \$.0510 per MCF for residential customers. This changes the current adjustment from \$.6728 per MCF to \$0.6218 per MCF.

The residential customer decrease is due to:

- \$.0405 per MCF increase in the commodity cost of gas.
- \$.0915 per MCF decrease in the demand cost of gas.

The supply cost of gas for November usage is \$5.8067.

The change in third party purchases is attributed to warmer than normal temperatures during bid week. The decrease in demand cost of gas results from reductions in Viking's FT-A Reservation Charge, Viking's FT-C Reservation Charge and Viking's DDS Monthly Demand Rate. It appears these decreases resulted from the settlement of a Viking Gas Transmission Company rate case before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. In addition, a revised three-year normalized average firm sales resulted in a slight decrease.



For residential consumption typical of December (approximately 18.8 MCF), bills will be decreased by approximately \$.96.

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Information Administration (EIA) provides various publications on energy issues. The information is available on the EIA website: <http://www.eia.doe.gov>.

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I move the Commission approve Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s purchased gas adjustment for December 2002, Case No. PU-402-02-648.

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